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Dear Dr. Summerson and DOE,

1 | It is absolutely imbecilic and contrary to all reason to bring our nation's radioactive waste to Yucca Mountain.

Here are some reasons why it should not be brought to our State:

- 1} The various testing has proven redundant; that is, standards, once acceptable, have been lowered to accommodate the idea that Yucca Mountain is a safe location.
- 2} The idea of safe transport across American land is folly. Who will pay the lawsuits and indeed there will be lawsuits, when a broken cask (from a wreck, rollover or other misadventure) pollutes the citizens' cities, homes, highways and public lands? What county or state will immediately close such a contaminated area semi-permanently (7000 years) and just as immediately fund an alternate transportation route?
- 3} The safety of the American people is at stake here and the DOE is ignoring it.
- 4} Remember the 50's? "They" dumped barrels of poisonous wastes into the oceans: Financially a simple idea, Environmentally a grand error.
- 5} Remember a couple years ago when an earthquake shook the Yucca Mountain, destroyed buildings and cracked the steel liner?

2... OK so what should be done with all the waste that is stockpiling around the Power Plants in this country? RESEARCH! DOE should help organize the funding to a few Good Laboratories, like UCLA, where the research can

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be carried out to discover the way to neutralize the radioactive waste. According to European and Japanese reports, we are almost there. Each power Company could be persuaded to contribute a portion of its gross earnings to such research. This mandatory contribution could be made more appealing to the power companies if Congress would give a major tax break for such an effort. It could be named the Environmental Safety Research Tax.

Yes, that would take much effort on the part of the DOE. Research for the neutralization of radioactive waste, as a goal, makes much more sense than trying to convince the people of what they know is not true with expensive glossy manuals filled with big words and scientific notions and downright propaganda.

DOE should get on the wise path that leads our nation safely through existence.

Very Sincerely

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